

will continue to have access to the latest technological innovations. If we are serious about our commitment to having a computer in every classroom in America, we will pass this legislation.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF
GARFIELD HEIGHTS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio. Since 1919, the City of Garfield Heights has been an exemplary community within Northeast Ohio.

The City of Garfield Heights, also known as the "City of Homes," was founded in 1919 and named after Garfield Park. Before Garfield Heights was established, the land had been Newburgh Hamlet and the Village of South Newburgh. Garfield Heights officially reached the status of a city in 1930. It became home to Marymount Hospital in 1949.

Throughout the past couple of decades, Garfield Heights has undergone several major expansions and renovations. A new city hall building was opened in 1991, a new high school opened in 2004 and the Marymount Hospital Emergency Room addition opened in 2007.

Today, the City of Garfield Heights is home to nearly 30,000 residents who are led by Mayor Vic Collova. Mayor Collova was elected to office in 2009. He had previously served as President of Garfield Heights City Council. There are also eight members on the City Council: Nancy Marincic, Michael Nenadovich, Tracy Mahoney, Michael Dudley, Sr. Eugene Glenn, Joseph Suster, Thomas Vaughn and Barbara Molin.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the City of Garfield Heights and all of its residents.

VOTE NO ON H.R. 3409, THE REPUBLICAN ANTI-HEALTH ANTI-ENVIRONMENT BILL

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I've got to hand it to my Republican colleagues. When they commit to something, they really commit. This Republican House has the worst environmental record in Congress's history. We've taken over 300 votes against the environment. And here we are again. On our last day to get any real work done, Republicans are voting to kill the environment.

Instead of dealing with important issues like taxes or jobs, Republicans are actually trying to repeal auto emissions standards that will save Americans \$1 per gallon at the pump—standards the auto industry wants and that consumers are happy with.

Instead of helping Americans find jobs, or helping the millions of homeowners facing foreclosure, Republicans are gutting clean air and clean water standards.

Instead of doing something to actually help America be a healthier place to live and work, Republicans are doing everything in their power to spoil it.

My Republican colleagues are saying regulations are killing the coal industry. The truth is that coal isn't selling in America—it just can't compete with cleaner, cheaper natural gas. The free market that my Republican colleagues worship is working. And the coal industry knows it.

Since coal is being beat here in the U.S. market by cleaner, healthier forms for energy, the coal industry has put plans in motion to ship our American coal to China. The industry will make millions in profits selling our coal, mined from our public lands, to go overseas. Trains full of coal will obstruct commerce, especially in the northwest, and endanger public health, all at the expense of the American taxpayer.

Make no mistake, today's bill isn't about saving the coal industry. The coal industry is doing that already, they're finding other markets. This bill is nothing more than a political ploy that puts industry and ideology over less expensive energy, public health, and our environment, and I urge my colleagues to vote no on this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEMBROKE, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 300th anniversary of Pembroke, Massachusetts, a scenic and vibrant town in southeastern Massachusetts.

Native American tribes had wintered along the North River in modern day Pembroke and had called the region home for many generations by the time the area saw its first European settlers. These settlers, Englishmen Robert Barker and Dolor Davis, established their homes in the area of Herring Brook in 1650. The town of Pembroke was later incorporated in the year 1712.

This small town is known for its plentiful timber, water, and fish. In fact, the herring found in the town's ponds, streams and marshes were prized so much that in 1741 Pembroke began regulating the fishing of its waters. Herring are celebrated in Pembroke every year at the town's annual "Grande Old Fish Fry." It is also home to rich woodland, providing timber for both residential and industrial use, and is especially known for its shipbuilding.

The five shipyards off the shores of the North River produced over one thousand ships between 1678 and 1871, including the *Beaver*, one of the ships used in the Boston Tea Party. Other notable ships that came out of these historic shipyards were the *Columbia*, the *Bedford* and the *Maria*. The *Columbia*, for which Columbia River is named, was the first ship to sail around the Cape of Good Hope. The *Bedford* was the first ship to sail into British waters with the American flag proudly hoisted upon its jack staff, while the *Maria* is depicted on the Pembroke town seal.

Throughout its storied history, the town of Pembroke has also been home to other indus-

tries such as agriculture and manufacturing. In the early 1900s, cranberry growers and poultry farmers became well established in the town. There were also rubber works, shoe box manufacturing companies and crate constructing companies located in Pembroke throughout the early 20th century.

Today, however, this South Shore town has grown into a bustling suburban community that still maintains its rural charm, continuing to attract vacationers to its picturesque landscape.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the town of Pembroke and the entire Pembroke community on the celebration of their 300th anniversary. May this beautiful Massachusetts town flourish for many years to come.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S 101ST ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, on October 10th, Taiwan will celebrate its' 101st anniversary. This celebration, often referred to as Double 10 Day, is significant for, amidst all the challenges to its continued existence, Taiwan has become one of the world's most advanced and vibrant democracies, and a close ally of the United States.

This progress, coupled with its economic success, has made Taiwan, under the leadership of President Ma-Ying-jeou, a prime example of how the spirit, ingenuity, and diligence of a people can surmount almost any difficulty. Taiwan's high standard of living and its promise of freedom make Taiwan a natural friend and partner of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, additionally, I would like to recognize the service of Jason Yuan, Taiwan's chief diplomat in the U.S. He was recently recalled to Taipei to head up their National Security Council; a promotion in recognition of his outstanding work in building relationships with and understanding the American people. Because our future is so mutually tied, I applaud the Republic of China for its selection of Jason who I am confident will advance the ties between Taiwan and the U.S.

Again, on this October 10th, I would like to join with Taiwanese Americans and the people of Taiwan in commemoration of Taiwan's 101st anniversary and express my hope that the warm ties between our two countries will continue to flourish.

NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, this week we celebrate National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week.

Hispanic Serving Institutions are colleges and universities that are working to keep the dream of college education alive for Hispanic students.